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A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

MOTHER KATHLEEN, SISTER CLAUDIA TO ATTEND CANONIZATION

All roads lead to Rome and on January 11, Mother Kathleen and Sister Claudia will also take the road to Rome for the canonization of Blessed Vincent Pallotti, their saintly founder. With great joy we learn that they were selected to represent St. Stephen's by Reverend Mother Martha, Mother General of the Pallottine Sisters. We know that this will be a very joyous occasion for both Mother and Sister as they will be part of the canonization ceremony on January 20, in St. Peter's Basilica.

Also, it will be an inspiring experience as Mother and Sister venerate the body of him whose ideals they carry out. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see those places that meant so much to Vincent Pallotti - his city, Rome.

Mother Kathleen and Sister Claudia will also visit Paris and then, after three weeks of departure, they will return home, no doubt bringing with them a bit of that tremendous joy that will abound St. Peter's January 20.

Have a pleasant and joyous trip, Mother and Sister!
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE STAFF!



Message From Our Principal

My dear boys and girls,

It gave me great joy and tranquil reassurance to see and hear you entering into the true spirit of Advent. As I heard the strains of, "Come, O Come, Emmanuel," I could sense the reverence which penetrates the entire spirit of the Church's prayer in Advent. It was as if from room to room faithful hearts were whispering the message: "The Lord is Coming!"

As you have prepared yourselves, through the Liturgy, for a better understanding of this great event that is to come, I know that you will rejoice in the true sense of the word because you really know the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is a gift transcending human understanding; a gift of love, of grace, of blessings and of peace. This is my Christmas wish and prayer..... may these gifts be given to you and to your dear ones in abundance.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!!!



Mother Mary Kathleen
Principal

THE PALLOTTINE SISTERS, MEMBERS OF THE
FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF ST. STEPHEN
HIGH SCHOOL WISH

A VERY HOLY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO:

Rev. Francis Del Vecchio, our beloved Pastor
All his assistant Priests
Rev. Mother Celsa and Sisters
All our Parents and Friends
Our Fellow Workers
Parishoners and kind Benefactors



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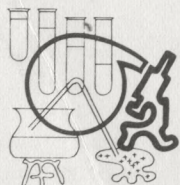
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THANK YOU

In our last paper, we mentioned the various new additions to St. Stephen's through the generosity of Father Del Vecchio. Since then we have received more from Father. Everyone has seen the new typewriters, especially the beautiful electric ones. Also, the new risers have come through Father's generosity. They will certainly be used for many occasions: Father, our words are simple, "Thank You!" But with them you can be sure goes heartfelt gratitude and prayers.

We would also like to thank the Holy Name Society and Father John for presenting the school with a wonderful new sound motion picture projector. Again we say thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

POSSIBLE SCHOLARSHIPS
IN SCIENCE PROJECTS

This year, for the first time, St. Stephen's will be participating in a Science Fair. The contest itself will start in our own school but may end in a national competition.

Sister Anthony Marie has been briefing us on the contest and all its possibilities. The contest will start among the students of St. Stephen's. The winner from our school will then compete in a diocesan science contest. Then the contest will become city-wide. Finally the winner in the city contest will go to Washington, D. C., free of charge to compete in the National Science Contest.

Almost all winners have a chance for scholarships, be it local or national level. So let's get to work on our projects to bring honor upon ourselves and to St. Stephen's.

Anthony Quatrone '64



THE BIRTH OF A KING

One gleaming bright and shiny night,
A streaking star appeared;
Their heads looked up upon the light,
Saw it, and then revered.
What was the star up in the sky?
What was the message this morn?
Oh, my friends, don't you know why
The Christ Child was born?
Horses, sheep, donkeys and goats
All stood around to pray;
There lay the richest of the kings
While the kings stood in array.
Gifts of gold, incense and spice were given,
This was the King they knew;
From this small stable He'll be driven-
Should not He receive what a King should have worn?
Yes, my friends, the King was born.

Sal Guli '64



SANTA CLAUS

Many legends survive concerning St. Nicholas, the man who has come down to us as Santa Claus. He was born in Patras, a city of Lycia, in Asia Minor nearly 300 years after the birth of Christ. Stories are told of the miraculous powers of Nicholas even in his infancy. As Archbishop of Myra, additional miracles are told of Nicholas. He is remembered especially for his courageous defense of his faith against the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

It was Vladimir I of Russia who brought the tales of St. Nicholas to the north. Nicholas was made patron saint of Russia, and his fame spread among the Lapps and Sanoyeds. The Lapland image of St. Nicholas as a heavy man dressed in red and riding a sled pulled by reindeer was brought to the United States by early Dutch settlers.

English children call their Santa Claus "Father Christmas." In Italy the children look to the "Urn of Fate" for their gifts. In Norway the presents are found throughout the house. In France the presents are brought by the "Christmas Good Man" and, in the case of peasant children, are put in wooden shoes and placed by the fireside.

As you can see, Santa Claus, though called by different names, is loved by children everywhere.

JoAnne Palmisano '64



New Latin Club Formed



"Ego te admitto in sodalitatem Amicorum Romanorum." With these words, each new Soph. member was formally made a member of the newly formed Latin club, the Amici Romani, by the club's Consul, Sal Guli, assisted by Sub-Consul, Camille Barba. The induction ceremony on November 30, was quite impressive as each member received the laurel wreath and lit his candle symbolizing his role in the ideals of the club. The members strive for a better knowledge and appreciation of Rome's heritage. The aims are contained in our Latin constitution posted in room 7.

As the meetings progressed many projects were brought in by various members which are on display in room 7. F. Sideri, and C. Mercurio constructed a model of a Roman aqueduct, while L. Mule' made one of a Roman fortification. S. Di Trapani exhibited his model of the Colosseum. A. Russo, M. Trentacoste, C. Maresco, and J. Forte gave a Roman fashion show that was enjoyed by all including the guest of the day, Sister Claudia.

Soon the members will receive their membership cards and buttons, reports the club's quaestor (treasurer) John Collura. Although the club is young yet, Mr. Cutrone, the moderator, hopes that it remains a permanent part of St. Stephen's "as long as there are students who appreciate Rome's greatness."

Janice Couillard '64
Scriba or Secretary



YOU MUST HAVE BEEN A BEAUTIFUL BABY!

"Did you bring in your baby picture?" "Only one day left!" "I wonder who's going to win?" These were the questions that were floating about everyone's mind as the baby-picture contest was drawing to a close.

There was a tremendous amount of excitement the day we had to cast our ballots for the most beautiful baby. It really was a hard choice. There were about a hundred pictures all around the auditorium, some colored, some black-and-white, others large and others small. That day the auditorium became a picturesque hall of beautiful babies!

Then came the announcement of the winners. Mother Kathleen told us that there was a bit of trouble deciding the winners since those receiving the most number of votes were very close. Hence Mother decided upon the top five winners: Patricia Nizza, Anthony Quatrone, Francis Sideri, Bernadette Hackett and Barbara Molinelli. We congratulate all winners.

Mary Ann Borgia '64

Broadway Is Here!

Whoever said that to see a good play Broadway is the place? Nonsense! We have our own Broadway right here in St. Stephen. Where else but on our stage can you see such magnificent acting such as that recently portrayed by Soph. B, Junior B and Soph. A.

In an All Saints Day play, Soph.'s B modern day "angel," Agnes Petrosino, proved to James Mostyn that All Saints Day isn't just another vacation day to recuperate from last night's party. Instead, a day to give honor and glory to God's friends.

Also, Elizabeth Savarese and Frank Cincotta of Junior B demonstrated that on Thanksgiving we should count our blessings no matter how small, because to others who may have none-"so little means so much."

We also had a special added attraction on the true meaning of Christmas written by Junior's A Virginia Hickey and acted out by her and a few of the Junior girls. They showed that Christmas in Christ's day was celebrated both by the "squares" and "boppers."

Soph. A presented their version of the meaning of the Immaculate Conception. They uniquely showed the apparition of Our Lady to Bernadette of Lourdes and thus proved the importance of Mary in our daily lives. Francis Sideri, Anna Russo and Dorothy Ford had the leading roles.

Phyllis Aquilone '64



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Laura Sagrestano '63

The setting for the senior Christmas program is a pure white blanket of snow, symbolizing the coming of Christ. Folk songs sung by all show the happiness that is felt by all. Following, there is a play portraying shepherds keeping their watch at night. Angels appear to them - Angels of Peace, Faith, and of the Cross. These explain the mission of Christ as Savior of the world.

Then there is a medley of Christmas songs, sung by the senior girls. The seniors, in this their last year at St. Stephen's, wish to instill in all a most joyous Christmas season.



Doce Dolores

por Salvador Guli

Yo trabajo en la tienda, Korvette. Una tarde, yo estaba vendiendo pantalones en la sección de ropa para muchachos. Un hombre vino y me dijo que deseaba comprar un par de pantalones. Yo le enseñé un par y él pidió el precio. Ahora, yo hice mi error más grande. Yo le dije que los pantalones costaban doce dolores.* Entonces el hombre empezó a reír y yo estaba tan desconcertado de mi español. El hombre compró los pantalones pero no podía olvidar mi error.

* dólares = dollars, dolores = pains

OPERATION SAINTHOOD SUCCESSFUL

An Account of
Blessed Vincent Pallotti's Life

Blessed Vincent Pallotti, founder of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, was born at Rome on April 21, 1795, and died there January 22, 1850. He was a descendant of the noble Pallotti family. His early studies were made at the Pious School of San Pantaleone; afterwards he passed on to the Roman College. At the age of sixteen he resolved to become a secular priest, and on May 16, 1818, he was ordained. On July 25, he became a Doctor of Theology and showed great traits of a fine theologian but decided to dedicate himself entirely to pastoral work.

Rome had in him a second Philip Neri. Hearing confessions and preaching were his constant occupations. He was seen daily roaming the streets of Rome trying to give aid and assistance to those in need. During the cholera plague of 1837, Pallotti constantly endangered his life in ministering to the sick. After a day spent in apostolic labor, he was accustomed to pass almost the whole night in prayer, sleeping for only a few hours on a chair or on the bare floor. The most distinguished members of the Roman aristocracy honored him, but the only advantage he took of their friendship was to advocate the claims of the poor. Even as a young man, he often returned home barefooted, after having given away half his clothing in alms. More often than once he was known to have given away his bed to the needy.

It was venerable Pallotti who started in 1836 the special observance at Rome of the Octave of the Epiphany. Pallotti's chief desire was to make this observance a means of uniting the dissenting Oriental church with Rome - a theme so popular today at the Vatican Council. His work was carried on after his death by the Society of the Catholic Apostolate; Priests and lay-brothers founded in 1835 and the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate in 1843.

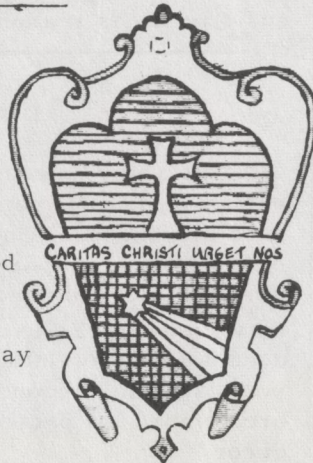
Anthony Di Meglio '64

A Portrait of Blessed Vincent

- Bernadette Hackett '64

A man of great simplicity
Who had the will to fight;
A man who knew the Word of God
And practiced it with might.

The man who knew the simple way
The way of Jesus Christ;
A man our lives should model
Is shown to us today.



CARITAS CHRISTI URGET NOS!

STEPHENITES HONOR BL. VINCENT PALLOTTI

This season of Christmas is filled with an added measure of Thanksgiving... the Canonization of our Blessed Founder, Blessed Vincent Pallotti. It recalls to mind our united efforts in prayer "Operation Sainthood," and then the happy news, "Operation Sainthood Successful." Now the long awaited day is but a month away.

January 20th, is the Great Day!!! The place, St. Peter's in Rome!!! While Mother Mary Kathleen and Sister Mary Claudia will have the great joy and honor to be present in Rome for the Canonization Ceremony, we students will honor our new Saint by attending a High Mass in his honor on Monday, January 21st. Our Glee Club will sing. As an added tribute we shall have an assembly program in which the life of Saint Vincent Pallotti will be portrayed by the Junior A group.

We are filled with excitement and thanksgiving for this great grace and pray that Saint Vincent Pallotti will be a most powerful advocate for all His dear Stephenites!!!

BL. VINCENT PALLOTTI TO BE CANONIZED

Process of Sainthood

January 20, 1963, is the date the Holy Father has set aside for the canonization of Vincent Pallotti. For quite a while now, the Pallottine Fathers and Sisters have anxiously awaited this history-making day. They have offered Masses, novenas, rosaries and sacrifices so that their founder may receive the honor of sainthood.

Many of us do not know what first had to happen before Vincent Pallotti would even be considered for sainthood. The first thing is a public and official declaration of his heroic virtue and then two miracles must be performed for his beatification. The miracles in this case were: first, the saving of a nine year old child from death, after the child had fallen 60 feet; second, the curing of a little girl of multiple sclerosis.

After these miracles were accepted, then came the work of the miracles for canonization. The first miracle was the curing of a farmer from a poisonous tumor and the second was the cure of the Father General of the Pallottines from a mystifying disease of the liver and cardiovascular system.

Father Turowski was on the point of death when the intercession of Blessed Vincent was sought and a relic placed on his breast. With remarkable suddenness, there was a distinct change in Father's condition. He fell into a peaceful sleep, and when he awakened the following morning, he realized that he was completely cured.

Now that you know a little more about the process of his canonization, let us praise the Lord through His new saint; and may St. Vincent Pallotti be a powerful advocate for all of us before the throne of God.

Anthony Quatrone '64

Second Vatican Council



If anyone missed the articles of news about our Vatican Council II, here's a chance to get the latest.

Changes are in the making. The first big change has already taken place. Pope John decreed that the name of St. Joseph be inserted after that of Mary in the Communicantes of the Canon, the most solemn part of the Mass. The first time St. Joseph's name was used in The Commemoration of the Saints was the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, 1962.

Another reform is in the making at this Council, one with which the whole Mystical Body of Christ would be especially interested. A proposal for liturgical reforms, which promises to make the Mass "more vital and informative for the faithful in accordance with present pastoral requirements," was passed by a vote of 2,162 to 46.

Also, an Argentine Bishop may ask the Holy Father to sanction and dignify a form of public worship in the vernacular conducted by laymen under the direction of the Bishop in outlying areas where no priests are available. In his own diocese he has had success with this plan, and it has brought about a revival of interest in and practice of the faith among those who could not be reached by the clergy.

Phyllis Aquilone '64

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

NEW LEO HONOR MEMBERS

Patrick Del Mastro '63
Phyllis Aquilone '64
Victoria Calabro '64



NEW NATIONAL HONOR MEMBERS



Rita McGrath '63
Anne Mulherin '63
Mary Ann Borgia '64
Rosemarie Finocchio '64

NATIONAL HONOR SOPHOMORES '65 PROBATIONARY

Joseph Forte
Francis Giobbi
Michael Lombardi
Carl Mercurio

Leonard Mule'
Matthew Puglisi
Joseph Schioppi
Francis Sideri

Marie Bennici
Antoinette Ciannotti
Concetta Maresco
Joan Marra
Jo Ann Martino

Lorraine McDermott
Anna Russo
Elisa Serpa
Theresa Sigona
Marie Trentacoste

SPOT NEWS

A Corrupt Russia

It seems as though there are party leaders in Russia who are stuffing their pockets with millions, as Premier Khrushchev admitted. This crime would make our Teapot Dome Scandal look like a petty theft. It looks as though they have become a bunch of crooks and bureaucrats, as Khrushchev himself stated. From the first half of this year they have embezzled the government of state and cooperative funds and property that totaled more than 56 million rubles (\$56 million). He also said that all men are equal in Russia and therefore will be punished equally for their crimes. Although Khrushchev promises he will remedy this situation, most American experts expect an even bigger mess. Premier Khrushchev mentioned this all at the meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee in Moscow.

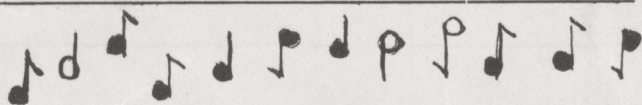
Joseph Forte '65



HIT PARADE

Big Girls Don't Cry: Even when they fail Steno
Return to Sender: That failure notice
Don't Hang Up!: Just tell me the Math answers
Do You Love Me?: Then pass me
All Alone Am I: With my History book
I Was Such A Fool: To take Biology
Eso Beso: A singing Spanish lesson
My Own True Love: Lunch
Remember When?: It was possible to pass Latin
You Beat Me to the Punch: When you study for
Religion
Do the Cha Cha Cha: Basketball practice

Mary Rose Guarnieri '64



The Delos

Our Thanksgiving Dance, sponsored by the Student Council, proved to be a "harvest of happiness" for those present. Why? Because of The Delos! How they played and how long they played! Would our dance have been a dance without them? Of course not.

Gregory Iovine, William Chimento, and Anthony LaMacchia showed themselves true Stephenites by volunteering their talents. Their fellow musicians, Thomas Branda and Frederic Ivorone of St. John's Prep. and Richard DiCarlo of James Madison High, were just as kind for each refused the fee he so justly deserved. So to each of The Delos we say a sincere "Thank you! You were great!"

Sports DIGEST

Volleyball Championship

On Tuesday, December 4, an exciting volleyball game was played by the All-Stars. The B All-Stars took the championship in two games. Both sides played wonderfully. Even though the A side lost, special praise should be given to one of its stars - Chicky Pallotta, whose great handwork stumped the B's many a time. Jimbo Stratis of the B All-Stars deserves mention also. His great play, along with the rest of his team, won his team the championship.



Girls' Basketball Game

On December 19, the girls of St. Stephen entertain the boys, for a change, with a basketball game. Although we do not know what team will win as this paper goes to press, you can well imagine what a game it will be with such girls as M. Borgia, R. Cuffe playing in the game! Keep up your work, girls, in the field of sports and we boys will be anxiously awaiting more of your games.

Football:

In a game at Yankee Stadium, the final score showed the New York Football Giants 49, the Washington Redskins 34. Y. A. Tittle tied the N. F. L. record for the most touchdown passes thrown in that game - 7.

The N. Y. Football Giants won the N. F. L. Eastern division title by defeating Chicago 26-24. This is their fifth title in the last seven years.

The traditional Army-Navy game was witnessed by 100,000 people in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium. Navy beat Army 34-14, in the presence of John F. Kennedy. This gives Navy its fourth consecutive victory over Army.

Bowling:

The 1963 P. B. A. tour should begin within the next few months. Don Carter was the number one leading money winner in the 1962 P. B. A. tour.

Wrestling:

For all you wrestling fans, the World's Champion, Nature Boy Buddy Rogers, in a match against Killer Austin in Canada, suffered a broken leg. He will be incapacitated for a few months.

Francis Pallotta '64

